

ML03>CAMPAIGN '84/>HUNTER-GAULT: It was a quiet day in the presidential <
>MONDALE>campaign. Both President Reagan and former Vice President
Mondale were busy preparing for their debate on foreign
affairs and defense Sunday night. But Mondale took time
out to attack the president on the matter of a manual
prepared by the CIA, suggesting so-called selective
violence to neutralize some officials in Nicaragua. The
president has ordered an investigation in the matter.
Today Mondale stepped outside his Washington home to call
for the dismissal of CIA Director William Casey, and the
Democratic candidate said he would make the CIA manual an
issue in the debate. WALTER MONDALE: So what we have is
actions of the CIA that injure that crucial agency, hurt
our interests in Central America, and strengthen the
forces against us in that region. This and other steps
compels (sic) me to make one of three challenges to the
president today. The first is that he fire Bill Casey as
the director of the CIA before the Sunday debate. The
second challenge to the president is to tell us what went
on. Did he know this was going on? If he didn't know,
how could that possibly be? I don't know which is worse,
knowing that this was going on, or having a government
with no one in charge so that these things, contrary to
our public interest, could go on without the knowledge of
the elected president, and possibly without the knowledge
of others. So if our objective is to overthrow the
government of Nicaragua, then the legitimate question is
whether this administration plans to introduce U.S. combat
troops to achieve that objective, and that also ought to
be answered by the president of the United States.

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